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Reynolds \$
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of April 5, 2004, with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 5, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and reexamination of the present application in light of the following remarks and amendments.

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A one-month extension of time is believed to be necessary, payment for which is enclosed. If, however, an additional extension of time is required, the additional extension is requested, and the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

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